

TOWN OF AMHERST COMMITTEE CHARGE

250th Anniversary Celebration Committee

Appointing authority: Select Board

Type: Committee Town Meeting Vote: ATM April 26, 2000, Article 7

Number of voting members: 21 Member Appointment Term: 3 years

Non-voting liaisons: SB (1)

Committee Charge:

The 21- member committee is charged with preparing and recommending to the Select Board a program of celebrations to commemorate Amherst's 250th anniversary in 2009, and to implement recommendations approved by the Select Board. To ensure the broadest possible inclusion of ideas in the planning process, membership shall include representatives from the Historical Commission, Leisure Services and Supplemental Education Commission, Town/ Commercial Relations Committee, Amherst Area Chamber of Commerce, Amherst Historical Society, Council on Aging, Amherst School Committee, Farm Committee, the Public Art Commission, Jones Library Trustees, and representatives of the University of Massachusetts, Amherst College and Hampshire College, Five Colleges, Inc., and seven members at-large.

The Committee is strongly encouraged to reach out to other parts of the community for input and participation in the planning. The Committee shall hold at least two public hearings, one early, one later in the planning process, for the purpose of gathering and incorporating contributions of thoughts and wishes from the public.

Recommendations shall include:

- the time frame for the celebrations: whether a series of events, one major day of observance, or a combination
- a list, and tentative schedule, of projects, including commitments by organizations or sponsors
- funding sources
- funding requirements

The Committee shall submit progress reports to the Select Board every six months and its final recommendations on or before November 1, 2006.

Revision voted at the September 27, 2004 Select Board meeting.